

Recycling: Facing the Challenge in Clark County

Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
March 13, 2001

9:00 am **Welcome-Dr. Donald Kwalick, Clark County Health District**

9:10 am **Allen Biaggi, Administrator, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection**

Panel Discussions: Moderator - Harry Serayderian, US EPA Region IX

9:30 am **The Laws Governing Recycling--Panel Discussion.**

- ☐ Jeff Scott, USEPA Region IX, Director, Waste Division
- ☐ Timonie Hood, USEPA Region IX, Recycling coordinator
- ☐ David Emme, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
- ☐ Glenn Savage, Clark County Health District

10:30 am **Break**

10:45 am **A Citizen's view of Recycling--Panel Discussion.**

- ☐ David Friedman, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
- ☐ Tara Pike, UNLV Rebel recycling program
- ☐ Buddy Borden, Nevada Cooperative Extension
- ☐ Krystyna Stave, UNLV Environmental Studies Department
- ☐ Marcia Forkos, Sierra Club

12:00 Luncheon Speaker: **Jennifer Means, Recycling Coordinator, City of Mesa, AZ - the key features that make a municipal recycling program successful**

1:00 pm **The Business of Recycling--Panel Discussion**

- ☐ Steve Kalish, President, Republic Services of Southern Nevada
- ☐ Teresa Mann, Boulder Disposal
- ☐ Rob Dorinson, Nevada Recyclers Association
- ☐ Jim Kaup, Secured Fibers
- ☐ Ken Teeters, UNLV Hotel Management Department

2:15 pm **Break**

2:30 pm **Facing The Challenge--Facilitated Discussion-** What are the Key Barriers to Recycling in Clark County? What steps can be taken to overcome these barriers? Next Steps...

3:30 pm **Summary and Closing**

Major Barriers and Challenges to Waste Reduction/Recycling in Clark County

1. *Lack of sustained, comprehensive promotion/education/information program*

- One coordinating agency/entity
- Clear, coherent messages
- Targeted audiences

2. *Lack of local/regional manufacturing companies using recycled materials*

- Flexible zoning
- Low interest loans, direct grants
- Expedite siting and permitting processes

3. *Confusion over impact of franchises on access to commercial recyclables*

- Clarify right of generators to select recycling service provider
- Clarify right of independent recyclers to form business arrangements
- Clarify definition of "source separated recyclables"

4. *Limited storage areas for recyclables in businesses, apartment buildings*

- Code language defining space requirements
- Mobile and fixed recycling centers
- Facilitate recovery of recyclables from mixed waste

5. *Lack of specific recycling performance standards in franchises*

- Use existing auditing authority to evaluate recycling efforts
- Use existing clauses about provision of operational information
- Use ordinances to expand recycling requirements

6. *25% recycling goal is voluntary target*

- Set timeframe for transition to mandate with non-compliance consequences
- Use current statutory authority available to State, counties, municipalities
- Expand annual recycling rate report to include program review, revisions

7. *Lack of sufficient State funding assistance to jurisdictions*

- Expand scope of activities eligible for support
- Seek additional allocations from legislature
- Organize information-sharing network with active outreach

8. *Lack of political/agency leadership, authority/responsibility is fragmented*

- Broadening of mission, consolidation of functions
- County Recycling Coordinator with appropriate staff, other resources

- Jurisdictions responsible for reaching 25% recycling

Other Ideas for Consideration

- Pilot project for sludge composting
- Recycling and materials reuse/exchange opportunities at transfer stations
- Cooperative, inter-governmental approach for planning/implementing public building waste reduction/recycling programs
- Transition from eight residential refuse collections and two recycling collections per month (10 collections) to weekly, same day collection of residential waste and recyclables (8 collections)
- 75% participation rate for curbside, residential recycling
- Special focus on commercial sector with waste audits, technical assistance, mentoring, service provider information, media coverage
- All casino/hotel/resort complexes have waste reduction/recycling program
- Recover 50% of primary waste paper grades from commercial sources
- Annual waste reduction and recycling awards program

Each municipality has employee designated as part-time Recycling Coordinator